

Amendment to SB 207

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2
3 AN ACT establishing a committee to study licensure of mental health professionals, relative to
4 mental health critical incident intervention and management, and relative to mental
5 health practice.
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after section 7 with the following:

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9 8 Mental Health Practice; Fees. Amend RSA 330-A:12, I to read as follows:

10 I. The ~~board~~ **office of professional licensure and certification** shall establish fees
11 pursuant to RSA 541-A for **applications for conditional licensure and** supervisory agreements;
12 applications for licensed pastoral psychotherapist, independent clinical social worker, school social
13 worker, licensed social worker, licensed social work associate, clinical mental health counselor,
14 marriage and family therapist, and conditional licenses; renewal of license; renewal of dual license;
15 reinstatement of license; inactive license status; reactivation of an inactive license; examination of
16 applicants; transcribing and transferring records; and other services, including investigations and
17 hearings conducted under this chapter.

18 9 Social Work; Conditional License. Amend RSA 330-A:18-d, I to read as follows:

19 I. Applicants for licensure under this section may apply to the board for conditional
20 licensure. To receive a conditional license, applicants shall comply with the following requirements:

21 (a) Clinical Social Worker:

22 (1) Hold a master's or doctoral degree in social work or social welfare from a CSWE
23 approved program.

24 (2) Obtain a board approved supervisory agreement with documented intent to
25 pursue licensure as a clinical social worker under this chapter.

26 (3) Meet other criteria as reasonably established by the board.

27 (4) **Upon approval of the supervision agreement, the board shall issue a**
28 **conditional license.**

29 (5) **Conditional licensees are subject to the jurisdiction of the board.**

30 (b) School Social Worker:

31 (1) Hold a master's or doctoral degree in social work or social welfare from a CSWE
32 approved program.

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1 (2) Obtain a board approved supervisory agreement, with documented intent to
2 pursue licensure as a clinical social worker under this chapter.

3 (3) Meet other criteria as reasonably established by the board.

4 ***(4) Upon approval of the supervision agreement, the board shall issue a***
5 ***conditional license.***

6 ***(5) Conditional licensees are subject to the jurisdiction of the board.***

7 (c) Licensed Social Worker:

8 (1) Hold a bachelor's degree in social work or social welfare from a CSWE approved
9 program.

10 (2) Obtain a board approved supervisory agreement consistent with RSA 330-A:18-b,
11 III, with documented intent to pursue licensure as a licensed social worker under this chapter.

12 (3) Meet other criteria as reasonably established by the board.

13 ***(4) Upon approval of the supervision agreement, the board shall issue a***
14 ***conditional license.***

15 ***(5) Conditional licensees are subject to the jurisdiction of the board.***

16 (d) Licensed Social Work Associate:

17 (1) Hold an associate's or bachelor's degree in clinical mental health, social work,
18 psychology, behavioral health counseling, human services discipline, or equivalent program from an
19 accredited college or university.

20 (2) Complete 300 hours of social work or mental health education within the degree-
21 granting program or separately.

22 (3) Complete 300 hours of supervised practical training within the degree-granting
23 program, as part of the supervised work experience or separately.

24 (4) Obtain a board approved supervisory agreement consistent with RSA 330-A:18-c,
25 III, with documented intent to pursue licensure as a licensed social work associate under this
26 chapter.

27 (5) Meet other criteria as reasonably established by the board.

28 ***(6) Upon approval of the supervision agreement, the board shall issue a***
29 ***conditional license.***

30 ***(7) Conditional licensees are subject to the jurisdiction of the board.***

31 ~~[(e) Clinical Mental Health Counselor:~~

32 ~~(1) Hold a master's or doctoral degree in clinical mental health counseling from a~~
33 ~~CACREP accredited institution or its equivalent which has received regional accreditation from the~~
34 ~~Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.~~

35 ~~(2) Obtain a board approved supervisory agreement with documented intent to~~
36 ~~pursue licensure as a clinical mental health counselor under this chapter.~~

37 ~~(3) Meet other criteria as reasonably established by the board.~~

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1 ~~(f) Marriage and Family Therapist:~~

2 ~~(1) Hold a master's or doctoral degree in family therapy from a program accredited~~
3 ~~by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education or has a master's~~
4 ~~degree or doctorate degree with a concentration in the field of marriage and family therapy from a~~
5 ~~regionally accredited institution or has a clinical membership in the American Association for~~
6 ~~Marriage and Family Therapy.~~

7 ~~(2) Obtain a board approved supervisory agreement with documented intent to~~
8 ~~pursue licensure as a marriage and family therapist under this chapter.~~

9 ~~(3) Meet other criteria as reasonably established by the board.]~~

10 10 New Paragraphs; Clinical Mental Health Counselors; Conditional License. Amend RSA 330-
11 A:19 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraphs:

12 IV. To receive a conditional license for a clinical mental health counselor, an applicant shall
13 comply with the following requirements:

14 (a) Hold a master's or doctoral degree in clinical mental health counseling from a
15 CACREP accredited institution or its equivalent which has received regional accreditation from the
16 Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges.

17 (b) Obtain a board approved supervisory agreement with documented intent to pursue
18 licensure as a clinical mental health counselor under this chapter.

19 (c) Meet other criteria as reasonably established by the board.

20 (d) Upon approval of the supervision agreement, the board shall issue a conditional
21 license.

22 (e) Conditional licensees are subject to the jurisdiction of the board.

23 V. Conditional licenses issued under this section shall be valid for a period not to exceed 2
24 years from the date of issuance. Applicants in good standing with the board may apply for a one-
25 time renewal of a conditional license.

26 11 New Paragraphs; Marriage and Family Therapists; Conditional License. Amend RSA 330-
27 A:21 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraphs:

28 IV. To receive a conditional license for a marriage and family therapist, an applicant shall
29 comply with the following requirements:

30 (a) Hold a master's or doctoral degree in family therapy from a program accredited by
31 the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education, or hold a master's
32 degree or doctorate degree with a concentration in the field of marriage and family therapy from a
33 regionally accredited institution, or hold a clinical membership in the American Association for
34 Marriage and Family Therapy.

35 (b) Obtain a board approved supervisory agreement with documented intent to pursue
36 licensure as a marriage and family therapist under this chapter.

37 (c) Meet other criteria as reasonably established by the board.

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1 (d) Upon approval of the supervision agreement, the board shall issue a conditional
2 license.

3 (e) Conditional licensees are subject to the jurisdiction of the board.

4 V. Conditional licenses issued under this section shall be valid for a period not to exceed 2
5 years from the date of issuance. Applicants in good standing with the board may apply for a one-
6 time renewal of a conditional license.

7 12 Effective Date.

8 I. Section 7 through 11 of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

9 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Establishes a committee to study licensure of mental health professionals.
- II. Adds a new definition for "peer support group" to emergency medical and trauma services and critical incident intervention and management.
- III. Allows for conditional licensing of clinical mental health counselors and marriage and family therapists.